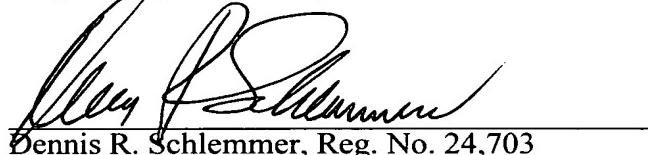


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this amendment, claim 9 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 10. Since the application is otherwise believed to be in condition for allowance, an early action to that effect is respectfully requested.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (312) 616-5640.

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